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SUBJECT: (C) VATICAN BACKS AWAY FROM DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL  
HOLOCAUST TASK FORCE

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CLASSIFIED BY: Julieta Valls Noyes, DCM, EXEC, State. REASON:

1.4 (b) 1. (C) Summary: On October 13, the Holy See walked back from a prior written agreement to become an observer on the International Task  
High Hopes Dashed  
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12. (C) Three members of the International Task Force on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research (ITF) visited Rome this week to finaliz

13. (C) They were especially chagrined, Trauttsmandorff said, because the Vatican had first offered more than the ITF asked then rescinded its  
New Vatican Team Disappoints  
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14. (C) On arrival in Rome in October, though, the ITF had to deal with a new team, as the highly-regarded Parolin had been promoted and sent a

15. (C) All three men, Trauttsmandorff said, evinced considerable discomfort with the idea of ITF observer status. Balestrero argued that the V  
Connection to the Papal Archives?  
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16. (C) The three ITF visitors agreed that Chappin, who had previously been more open to dialogue with them, was very defensive at the October  
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scenario given that only six-eight researchers are now reviewing the documents. Although this number is up from the one-two working on them a y

17. (C) The ITF members acknowledged their wish to gain access to the Pius XII files as soon as possible. Nevertheless, they also accepted the  
Now What?  
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18. (C) Despite the disappointment, the ITF members were determined to find a way to move ahead with the Vatican. They concluded that they must  
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19. (C) Unfortunately, the ITF is only the latest group to run into problems caused by the recent change of personnel at the Vatican Foreign Mi